

a.) Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 458, lines 1-3 to read as follows.

~~N-[4-(2-Furyl)-5-(tetrahydropyran-4-ylcarbonyl)thiazol-2-yl]-2-[(2S)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl]acetamide~~ N-[4-(2-Furyl)-5-(tetrahydropyran-4-ylcarbonyl)thiazol-2-yl]-2-[(2S)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl]acetamide (Compound 538)

Please amend the paragraph at page 512, lines 7-15 to read as follows.

~~1-(2-Furyl)-2-(4-pyridyl)ethane~~ 1-(2-Furyl)-2-(4-pyridyl)ethanone (4.15 g, 22.2 mmol) obtained according to the method described in WO03/35639 was dissolved in acetic acid (22 mL), and bromine (3.54 g, 22.2 mmol) was added thereto, followed by stirring at 80°C for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was cooled with ice in water, and then ethyl acetate was added thereto. The precipitated crystals were collected by filtration to afford 2-bromo-1-(2-furyl)-2-(4-pyridyl)ethanone hydrobromide (7.59 g, 99 %).

Please amend the paragraph at page 518, lines 21-23 to read as follows.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ ppm): 3.90 (s, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 5.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), ~~8.44~~ 8.33 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H).